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**A**rticles to be enquired of, in visi-  
tations to bee had, within the Diocesse of Can-  
terbury: in the seconde yere of the reigne of our moste gracious  
sovereigne Lorde Edward the .vi. by the grace of God, King of  
Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande defender of the faith  
and in yearely of the Church of Englande and  
also of Irelande, the supreme hedde.



**F**irst, whether Persones, Vi-  
cars, and Curates, and euery  
of them haue purely and sin-  
cerely, without colour or dis-  
simulacio, foure tymes in the  
yere at the least, preached a-  
gainste the vsurped power,  
pretensed aucthoritie, and iur-  
isdiction of the bishop of Rome.

Item, whether thei haue preached and declared  
likewise, iiii. tymes of the yere at the least, that the  
kynge's maiesties power, aucthoritie, and prehe-  
minence, within his Realmes and dominions, is  
the highest power vnder God.

Item, whether any person hath by wrytyng,  
Cyphryng, preachyng, or teachyng, decde or act  
obstinatly holden, and stande with to extoll, set-  
furthe, maintein or defend the aucthoritie, iurisdic-  
tio, or power of the bishop of Rome, or of his  
see heretofore claimed and vsurped, or by any  
pretense, obstinatly or maliciously, inuented any  
thyng for the extollyng of the same, or any parte  
thereof.

Item, whether in their common praiers, thei  
 vse not the Collettes made for the King, and  
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make not speciall mencio of his maiesties name in the same.

5. Item, whether thei do not euery sondaie and holy day, with the collectes of the Englishe procession, saie the praier sette furth by the kynges maiestie for peace betwene England & Scotlād

6. Item, whether thei haue not removed, taken awaie, & vtterly extincted and destroyed, in their Churches, Chapelles, and houses, all Images, all Shynes, couerynges of Shynes, all Tables, candellsticks, trindels, oz rolles of ware, pictures, Daintynge, and all other monumentes of fained miracles, Pilgrimages, Idolatrie and Supersticion, so that there remain no memorie of the same, in walles, glaswindowes, oz els wher

7. Item, whether thei haue exhorted, moued and stirred their parishoners, to do the like in euery of their houses.

8. Item, whether thei haue declared to their parishoners, the articles concernyng the abzogacion of certain superfluous holy daies, and doen their induror to perswade thesaied parishoners, to kepe and oblerue thesame articles inuolably and whether any of those abzogate daies, hath been kepte as holy daies, and by whose occasion thei were so kept.

9. Item, whether thei haue diligētly, duely, and reuerently, ministred the Sacramentes in their Cures.

10. Item, whether thei haue preached, oz caused to bee preached, purely and sincerely the woorde of

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of God, in euery of their Cures, euery quarter of the yere, once at the least, exhortyng their parishoners, to the workes commaunded by scriptures, and not to workes deuised by mennes phantasies besides scripture, as weatyng or praiyng vpon beades, or suche like.

Item, whether thei suffre any torches, candelles, Tapers, or any other lightes to bee in your Churches, but onely two lightes vpon the high Altar. 11.

Item, whether thei haue not euery holy daye, when thei haue no sermon, immediatly after the Gospell, opely, plainly, and distinctly, recited to their parishoners in the pulpit, the *Pater noster* the crede, and the x. Commaundementes in English. 12.

Item, whether euery Lent, thei examine suche persones as cometh to Confession to the, whether thei canne recite the *Pater noster*, the Articles of our faith, & the x. Comaundementes in English. 13.

Item, whether thei haue charged fathers and mothers, masters and gouernours of youthe, to bryng them vp in some verteous study or occupation. 14.

Item, whether suche beneficed menne, as bee lawfully absent from their benefices, dooe leaue their Cure to a rude and vlearned person, and not to an honest well learned and expert Curate whiche can and will teach you holsoin doctrine. 15.

Item, whether in euery Cure thei haue, thei haue prouided one booke of the whole Bible of the largest volume in English, and the *Paraphras* 16.

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phrases of Crasimus, also in English upon the Gospelles, and set by the same in some convenient place in the Church, where their parishioners make most commodiously resort to the same.

17. Item, whether they haue discouraged any person, from readdyng of any part of the Bible, either in Latin or in English, but rather comforted and exhorted euery person to reade the same, as the very liuely woorde of God, and the speciall foode of mannes soule.

18. Item, whether Persones, Vicars, Curates, and other priestes, be common haunters and resorters to Tauerne, or Alehouses, geuyng themselves to drynkyng, riotyng, or playng at vnlawfull games, and ddo not occupie themselves in the readdyng or hearyng, of some parte of holy scripture, or in some other Godly exercise.

19. Item, whether they haue admitted any man to preach in their cures, not beyng lawfully licensed thereunto, or haue refused or denied suche to preach, as haue been licensed accordyngly.

20. Item, whether they which haue heretofore declared to their parishoners, any thyng to the extolling or setting furth of pilgrynages, reliques, or Images, or lightyng of candels, kysyng, kneeling, deckyng of the same Images, or any suche supersticion, haue not openly recanted and reproued the same.

21. Item, whether they haue one booke or register safely kepte, wherein they write the date of euery Weddyng, Christenyng, and Buryng.

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Item, whether thei haue exhorted the people 22.  
to obedience, to the kynges maiestie and his mi-  
nisters, and to Charitie and loue, one to another.

Item, whether thei haue admonished their pa- 23.  
rishoners, that thei ought not to presume, to re-  
ceiue the Sacrament, of the body and blood of  
Christ, before thei can perfectly the *Pater noster* the  
Articles of the faith, and the tennne commaundes  
mentes in Englishe.

Item, whether thei haue declared, and to their 24.  
wittes and power haue perswaded the people,  
that the maner and kind of fastyng in Lent, and  
other daies in y<sup>e</sup> yere, is but a mere positiue law,  
and that therfore al persones, hauyng iust cause  
of sickenes, or other necessitie, or beyng licensed  
by the kynges maiestie, maie moderatly eate all  
kynde of meates, without grudge or scruple of  
conscience.

Item, whether thei be resident vpon their be- 25.  
nefices, and kepe hospitalitie or no, and if thei  
be absēt, or kepe no hospitalitie, whether thei do  
make due distribucions among the pooze pari-  
shoners or not.

Item, whether Persones, Vicars, Clarkes, and 26.  
other beneficed men, hauyng perely to dispende  
an hundred ponde, doo not finde compctently  
one scholer in the Uniuersitie, of Cambridge or  
Oxford, or some Grammer schoole, and for as  
many hundred poundes, as euery of them maie  
dispende, so many scholers likewise to be found  
by them, & what be their names, that thei so find.

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17. Item, whether Proprietaries, Persones, Vicars, and Clarkes, hauyng Churches, Chapelles or Mansions, dooe kepe their Chauncelles, Rectories, Vicareges, and all other houses apperteynyng to them, in due reparacions.
28. Item, whether thei haue counsailed, or moued their parissoners, rather to praie in a tōgue not knowen, then in Englishe, or to put their trust in any prescribed nomber of praiers, as in sayng ouer a nombze of beades or other like.
29. Item, whether thei haue red the kynges maiesties Iniuncions, euery quartter of the yere, the first holy daie of thesame quartter.
30. Item, whether the Persones, Vicars, Curates and other priestes, beeyng vnder the degree of a bachelor of diuinitie, haue of their awne the new Testament, bothe in Latin and in Englishe, and the paraphrase of Erasimus vpon thesame.
31. Item, whether within euery Church, he that ministereth haue red or cause to be red, the Epistle and Gospell in Englishe, and not in Latin, either in the Pulpit or some other mete place, so as the people maie heare thesame.
32. Item, whether euery Sondae and holy daie at Matyns, thei haue read or cause to be read, plainly and distinctly in thesaid place, one Chapter of the newe Testament in Englishe, immediately after the Lessons, and at Euenlong after Magnificat, one Chapter of the old testament.
33. Item, whether thei haue not at Matyns, omitted thre lessons, when, ix. should haue been read  
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In the Church, and at Evening the Responses with all the Memories.

Item, whether they haue declared to their parishioners, that saint Maries daie, and the euenes of the abrogate holy daies should not be fasted.

Item, whether they haue the Procession booke in English, and haue said or song the said Letany in any other place, but vpon their knees in the middelt of their Church, and whether they vse any other procession, or omit the said Letany at any tyme, or saie it or song it in suche sorte as the people, cannot vnderstande the same.

Item, whether they haue put out of their church booke, this worde *Papa*, and the name and seruice of Thomas Becket, and prayers hauping rubrices, conteinyng pardones or indulgences, and al other superstitious legēdes and prayers.

Item, whether they bid not the beades accordyng to the order, appoynted by the Synge of Diocesse.

Item, whether they haue opened and declared vnto you, the true vse of Ceremonies, (that is to saie) that they be no workers nor workes of saluacion, but onely outwarde signes and tokens, to put vs in remembraunce of thynges of higher perfeccion.

Item, whether they haue taught and declared to their parishioners, that they make with a safe & quiet conscience in the tyme of Natuest, labour vpon the holy and festiual daies, and if super-

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*Letany*

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40. *40.* **Item,** whether they haue admitted any per-  
sones to the Communion, beeing openly knowne  
to be out of charitie with their neighbors.

41. *41.* **Item,** whether the Rectors, Archdeacons,  
Masters of Hospitales, and Prebendaries haue  
preached by themselves personally, twise every  
yere at the least.

42. *42.* **Item,** whether they haue provided, and haue  
a strong Chest for the poore mennes bore, and  
set and fastened the same nere to the high altar.

43. *43.* **Item,** whether they haue diligently called v-  
pon, exhorted and moued their parishoners, and  
specially when they make their Testamentes, to  
geue to the said poore mennes Bore, and to be-  
stowe that vpon the poore Chest, whiche they  
were wont to bestowe vpon pardonnes, pilgre-  
images, trentalles, Masses satisfactory, decking  
of Images, offering of Candelles, geuyng to  
friars, and vpon other like blynde deuotions.

44. *44.* **Item,** whether they haue denied to visite the  
sicke, or bury the dedde, beeing brought to the  
Churche.

45. *45.* **Item,** whether they haue bought their benefi-  
ces, or come to them by fraude or deceit.

46. *46.* **Item,** whether they haue euery Sondag, whe-  
n the people be moste gathered, red one of the Ho-  
melies, in ordre as they stande in the booke, sette  
furthe by the kynges maiestie.

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Item, whether they do not omit prime and hours, when they haue any sermon or Homilie. 47.

Item, whether they haue said or song any Masse, in any Oratory, Chapell, or any mannes house, not being hallowed. 48.

Item, whether they haue geuen open monitions to their parishoners, that they should not weare beades, nor prate vpon them. 49. Beades

Item, whether they haue moued their parishoners lying vpon their death beddes, or at any other tyme, to bestowe any parte of their substance vpon Trentalles, Masses, Satisfactories, or any such blinde deuotions. 50.

Item, whether they take any Trentalles, or other Masses Satisfactorye to sale or lving, for the quicke or the dedde. 51.

Item, whether they haue geuen open monitions to their parishoners, to detect and present to their Ordinary, all adulterers and fornicators, and such men as haue two wiues liuing, and such women as haue two husbandes liuing, within their parishes. 52.

Item, whether they haue not monished their parishoners openly, that they should not sell, geue nor otherwise alienate, any of their Churches goods. 53.

Item, whether they or any of them, doo keepe mo benefices, and other Ecclesiasticall promotions, then they ought to do, nor hauing sufficient licence, and dispensacions therunto, and how many they be, and their names. 54.

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35. Item, whether thei minister the Communion,  
any other wise then onely after such fourme and  
maner, as is set furthe by the Kynges Maiestie,  
in the boke of the Communion.
36. Item, whether thei hallowed and deliuered to  
the people, any Cadelles vpon Candelinas day  
any ashes vpon Ashes Wednesdaie, or any Palmes  
vpon Palme Sondaye last past.
37. Item, whether thei had vpon Good Fridaie  
last past, the Sepulchres with their lightes, ha-  
uyng the Sacrament therein.
38. Item, whether thei bpō Easter euen last past,  
halowed the Font, fire, or Paschall, or had any  
Paschall set bp, or burnyng in their Churches.
39. Item, whether yourre Persons and Vicars,  
haue admitted any curates to serue their Cures  
whiche were not first examined and allowed, ei-  
ther by my lord of Cantorbury, Master Arche-  
deacon, or their officers.
40. Item, whether you knowe any persone with-  
in yourre parishe, or els where, that is a letter of  
the worde of God, to be red in Englishe, or syn-  
cerely preached, or of the excecuciō of the kynges  
Maiesties Inuuncions, or other his Maiesties  
proceedynges, in matters of religion.
41. Item, whether euey parishe haue provided  
a chest with twoo lockes and keyes, for the boke  
of excedyng, Chyrttenyng, and buryng.
42. Item, whether in the tyme of the Letany, or a-  
ny other common prayer, in the tyme of the ser-  
mon or Homely, and when the priest readeth the  
scripture

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scripture to the parishoners, any personē haue departed out of the churchē, without a iuste and necessary cause.

Item, whether any belles haue bee knolled oꝝ 63.  
rong at the tyme of the pꝛemisses.

Item, whether any persone hath abused the 64.  
Ceremonies, as in castyng holy Water vpo his  
bed, oꝝ bearyng aboute hym, holy Bread, saincte  
Ihons Gospell, tyngyng of holy Belles, oꝝ ke-  
pyng of priuate holy daies, as Tayloꝝs, Ba-  
kers, Brewers, Smithes, Shoormakers, and  
suche other.

Item, whether the money cōpyng and risyng 65.  
of any cattell, oꝝ other moueable stockes of the  
Churchē, and money geuen oꝝ bequethed, to the  
findyng of Torches, lightes, tapers, oꝝ lampes,  
(not paid out of any landes) haue not been em-  
ployed to the pooꝛe mennes Chest.

Item, who hath thesaied stockes, and money 66.  
in their handes, and what be their names.

Item, whether any vndiscrete persons do vn- 67.  
charitably contempne, and abuse pꝛiestes and  
ministers of the churchē.

Item, whether thei that vnderstande not the 68.  
Latin, doo pꝛaie vpon any pꝛimer, but the En-  
glishē Pꝛimer, set furthe by the kynges Maie-  
ties aucthoritie, and whether thei that vnder-  
stande Latin, doo vse any other then the Latin  
Pꝛimer, set furthe by like aucthoritie.

Item, whether there bee any other Grammer, 69.  
taught in any schoole within this Diocesse, then

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70. that whiche is set furthe by the kynges maiestie.  
Item, whether any persone kepe their churche holy daie, and the dedication daie, any other wise or at any other tyme, then is appoynted by the kynges Maiestie.
71. Item, whether the seruyce in the Churche, bee doen at due and conuenient howers.
72. Item, whether any haue vled to commen iangle, and talke in the Churche, in the tyme of the common prayer, Readyng of the Boimelie, Preshyng, Readyng or declar yng, of the scripture.
73. Item, whether any haue wilfully mainteined and defended, any heresies, errors, or false opinions, contrary to the faith of Christe, and holy scripture.
74. Item, whether any bee common drunkerdes, swarcers, or blasphemers of the name of God.
75. Item, whether any haue committed adultery, fornicacion or unclest, or be common baudes, and receiuers of suche euill persones, or vehemently suspected of any of the premises.
76. Item, whether any bee braulers, flanderers, chiders, skolders, & sowers of discorde, betwene one persone and another.
77. Item, whether you knowe any that vse charmes, Sozcerie, Enchauntmentes, Witchcraft, Sothelayng, or any like craftes inuented by the Deuill.
78. Item, whether the Churches, Pulpittes, and other necessities apparteignyng to the same bee sufficiently repared.
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Item, whether you knowe any, that in contempt of their awne parishe Church, do resorte to any other church. 79.

Item, whether any Inholders, or Alchousekeepers, do vse commonly to sell meate and dzyrke, in the tyme of the common Prayer, Preachyng, *Public Prayer on Sunday* Reading of the Homelies, or scripture. 80.

Item, whether you knowe any to be married, within the degrees prohibited by the Lawes of God, or that be seperated or dyuorced, without a iust cause, allowed by the lawe of God, and whether any suche haue married again. 81.

Item, whether you knowe any, to haue made priuie contractes of Matrimony, not callingg twoo or mo theteunto. 82.

Item, whether any haue married solemply, the bannes not first lawfully asked. 83.

Item, whether you knowe any executors, or administrators of ded mennes goodes, whiche doo not duely bestowe suche of thesaiyd goodes, as were geuen and bequethed, or appoynted to be distributed among the pooze people, repairyng of high wates, findyng of pooze scholers, or marryng of pooze maides, or suche other like charitable deddes. 84.

Item, whether any do cōtempne married priestes, and for that thei be married, will not receiue the communion, or other Sacramentes at their handes. *married priestes* 85.

Item, whether you knowe any that kepe in their houses vi. defaced, any abused or feined Images. 86.



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images, any Tables, Pictures, Paintynges, or  
other monumentes of fained miracles, pil-  
grimages, Idolatrie, or supersticio.



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